

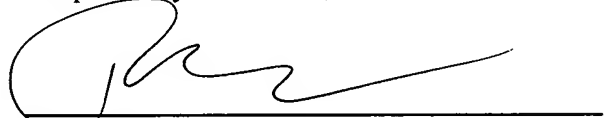
The Examiner states the inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. In this case, the Examiner contends that the apparatus can be used in a process for repairing a tarp or a fabric domed typed roof.

In response, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to continue prosecution for the group the Examiner has identified as Group I, claims 1-11 and 18-21, drawn to a drawstringing kit.

It is respectfully submitted that this patent application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this election or patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of the above fees associated with this Communication to Deposit Account No. 50-1759. A duplicate copy of this form is attached.

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